



An Open Letter To President Kennedy for ending the war and mass handouts to the peasant's wage the Viet Cong population.

John F. Kennedy in South Vietnam

Dear President Kennedy:

We strongly urge you to heed the mounting opposition of American public opinion to U.S. intervention in South Vietnam, and to make far-reaching changes in our policy in that troubled area before the situation deteriorates further.

The truth is that the United States Army, with more than 12,000 soldiers and officers in South Vietnam some 10,000 miles from home is fighting to bolster up an open and brutal dictatorship--the President Diem--in an undeclared war that has never received Constitutional sanction of the United States Congress. It is, more as *The Nation* (Jan. 19, 1963) stated, "a dirty, cruel war... as cruel as the war waged by French forces in Algeria which shocked the American conscience."

Today our Army is no nearer victory than a year or more after the big American build-up started. The anti-Diem Viet Cong, have captured more and more American soldiers and the apathetic Diem...

...handouts to the peasant's wage the Viet Cong population. More military advisers in the interim period before the elections. Finally time, Mr. President, for your Administration to end unilateral effort to bring about a military solution in South American might, and instead, utilize diplomacy and negotiation, as was done successfully in Laos? Such a plan that would lead to peace and to the restoration of the original Geneva Agreements or from the Cold War.

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